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STATE FAIR OPINION POLL RESULTS

The Kansas Secretary of State's Office once again conducted an opinion poll at their booth during the 2001 Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, Sept. 7-16. *"The purpose of the poll is to promote the concept of voting; gage opinions on important issues and some of the questions are designed just to have a little fun,"* said Brad Bryant, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Elections and Legislative Matters.

The 2000 opinion poll results include:

1. What did you do with your federal tax refund?

Spend it	295
Invested it	253
Paid bills	358
Gave to charity	17
I didn't receive a refund	296
2. Which of the following is the most important issue facing the United States?

Education	292
Health Care	286
Economy	380
Social Security Reform	177
Environment	61
3. What is the best way to address our long-term energy needs?

Build nuclear plants	120	
Increase production, including drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge		168
Increase foreign imports	10	
Conserve more	204	
Develop alternate energy sources	685	
4. What is your favorite online Internet activity?		
Shopping	40	
Email	467	
Research	374	
None	323	
5. Which is most likely to be true?		
Earth has been visited by space aliens	652	
The first moon walk was staged by the government		185
Elvis is still alive	189	

Kansas State Fair goers could also register to vote at the Secretary of State's booth, as well as pick up informational materials on Kansas.

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Ron Thornburgh is the 29th Kansas Secretary of State. He was first elected to his first four-year term in 1994. Ron is a native of Burlingame. He graduated from Washburn University in 1985. Ron, his wife Annette and sons Grey and Tanner live in Topeka, where they are members of the First United Methodist Church.